the CBI are filled either by promotion or by deputation/ transfer. As such no minimum educational qualification is prescribed in the Recruitment Rules for the post of Inspector.

(c) and (d) It is not correct to say that people are losing trust in the CBI as there are frequent public demands for CBI investigation into complicated cases. The Government had constituted the Indepedent Review Committee in September, 1997 to, *inter alia,* examine the structure and functioning of the CBI. The report of the Committee was considered by the Supreme Court in the Vineet Narain case and the Court in its judgement dated 18.12.1997 gave certain directions for improvement of the functioning of the CBI. The Government had decided to implement the aforesaid judgement and action has been taken accordingly.

Assistance for Agricultural Production in Uttarakhand

†*220. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a vast potential of production of off-season vegetables and fruits in two divisions of the hilly area in Uttarakhand region of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether large quantity of peas, tomatoes, capsicum, potatoes etc. is being produced there during off-season; and

(c) if so, whether Government have formulated any incentive scheme to boost production of the above products in non-industrial and low cultivable areas?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, the estimated production of peas, tomatoes, capsicum, potatoes etc. is not available.

(c) Government of India is implementing the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes to boost the production of fruits and vegetables in the country including Uttar Pradesh:

(1) Integrated Development of Tropical, Temperate and Arid Zone Fruits.

(2) Integrated Development of Vegetables including root and Tuber Crops.

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(3) Development of Mushroom.

(4) Plastics in Agriculture.

(5) Promotion of Bee-keeping.

(6) Programmes of National Horticulture Board for Post Harvest Management.

(7) Human Resource Development for Horticulture.

Besides the above, to provide focused attention to horticulture in hills, scheme on "Integrated Development of Horticulture in Tribal/ Hilly areas" has been approved and is being implemented in six districts of 6 states. Almora district of Uttar Pradesh is included in the scheme. The scheme is being implemented by state desginated agency for integrated development of horticulture including establishment of alternate marketing system.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Drought in Madhya Pradesh

†1514. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted a memorandum to the centre with regard to severe drought prevailing in the State;

(b) if so, the district-wise aid sought by the State Government from the Centre;

(c) whether the Centre has released the district-wise amount to the State Government to tide over the drought situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government had sought a total assistance of Rs. 361.61 crore from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR).

(c) No, Sir.

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